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SUBJECT: INDIAN NUCLEAR POLICY

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1. I DISCUSSED WITH DEPUTY MINISTER ROBINSON TODAY CANADIAN ATTITUDES TOWARD INDIA IN LIGHT OF REFTELS, WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO ALLEGED INDIAN WILLINGNESS TO MAKE "UNILATERAL DECLARATION" MENTIONED PARA 9 REFTEL A. ROBINSON MADE IT CLEAR THAT CANADIANS ARE MAINTAINING VERY RETICENT ATTITUDE TOWARD INDIANS IN LIGHT OF UNSATISFACTORY RESPONSES AND EXCHANGES WITH REGARD TO SAFEGUARDS, AND ESPECIALLY BECAUSE OF CURRENT INDICATIONS THAT INDIANS MAY BE MOVING TOWARD ANOTHER EXPLOSION.

2. ROBINSON, WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM LEAVE DAY OR TWO AGO, WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY INDIAN OFFER TO MAKE "UNILATERAL DECLARATION," BUT SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO IT AND PROVIDE US WITH COMMENT. HE SAID THAT ON THE FACE OF IT AND IN LIGHT OF INDIAN ATTITUDES AND INDICATIONS MENTIONED ABOVE, SUCH A DECLARATION WOULD NOT APPEAR TO BE VERY CONVINCING.

3. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER WHEN ROBINSON CONTACTS US.

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